

# LEEC NEWSLETTER

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## LEEC NEWS

### DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR SHORT COURSE PROPOSALS

PROTECTING  
LOUISIANA'S



ENDANGERED  
SPECIES

Educators who would like to host a one-day short course in conjunction with the 2017 Environmental Education State Symposium to be held in Baton Rouge on February 3 & 4, 2017 must submit their proposals by September 16, 2016.

All short courses will take place on Friday, February 3, 2017 in the Baton Rouge area.

The theme for this conference is "Protecting Louisiana's Endangered Species." It is not necessary for you to adhere to the theme but short courses that complement the theme are encouraged.

Submit a proposal at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2017-short-course-proposal-form>.

**DID YOU KNOW?** In a study published by the journal *Current Biology*, scientists "demonstrate alarming losses comprising one-tenth (3.3 million km<sup>2</sup>) of global wilderness areas over the last two decades, particularly in the Amazon (30%) and central Africa (14%)."

Source: [http://www.cell.com/current-biology/abstract/S0960-9822\(16\)30993-9](http://www.cell.com/current-biology/abstract/S0960-9822(16)30993-9)

### REMINDER: GREEN SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS OPEN

Louisiana Green Schools can nominate up to five schools and one Institute of Higher Education for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School (ED-GRS) award. The recognition award is a part of efforts to identify and communicate practices that result in improved student engagement, academic achievement, graduation rates, and workforce preparedness.

Louisiana K-12 public and private schools, early learning centers, and school districts are eligible to seek ED-GRS nomination. To be considered for an ED-GRS nomination, please download and follow the instructions in the documents below. If your school or district is selected as a Louisiana nominee, Louisiana Green Schools staff will work with you to

submit the nominee presentation form and package to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration. State nominees are announced in February, confirmed by ED in April, and celebrated in a summer award ceremony.



Find out more at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/green-schools> and get application materials at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/green-ribbon-school-application-portal>.

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

## QSM GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Quality Science & Mathematics Grant Program (QSM), established by act of the Louisiana Legislature in the summer of 1992, helps provide materials and equipment to math and science public school teachers. The QSM program has funds to award approximately \$162,000 in grants to eligible classroom teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Grants for approved materials and equipment will be awarded on a competitive basis to individual classroom teachers to use in providing standards-based instruction to help meet state accountability goals.

Applicants must show that their proposals will enhance the quality of instruction for regular education students who are enrolled in mathematics or science classes. Full-time classroom teachers assigned to teach mathematics or science in the K-12 regular education program in public schools are eligible to submit proposals.

Apply at <https://qualityscienceandmathgrantprogram.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

## LAGNIAPPE

### GET IN THE SCRAP!

Join the World War II Museum to launch the *Get in the Scrap!* service learning project for the 2016-2017 school year! Students will discover how kids helped win World War II by recycling household items for conversion into war materials. Inspired by these scrapping efforts, students today can become environmental stewards, and even be rewarded for their efforts. In this webinar, participants will learn firsthand from teachers and students how the project works in their classrooms. The Museum will also unveil new activities and prizes for this school year, and provide a special incentive for all classrooms tuning in live.



Image courtesy [getinthescrap.org](http://getinthescrap.org)

The webinar will be held Thursday, September 22, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CT. Space is limited, so register today! <http://www.getinthescrap.org/home/>

## BRING THE OCEAN INTO YOUR CLASSROOM WITH NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES WEBINAR

Learn about marine protected areas, including what a national marine sanctuary is. Free STEM educational resources to increase ocean and climate literacy with your students will be highlighted.

Find more information [here](#) and register for the webinar [here](#).



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